

**Harbor Advisory Committee**  
Wednesday, June 24, 2015 – 6:00 p.m.  
Firehouse Trust, Rockport, MA  
**-Minutes-**

**Present:** Skip Montello; Dana Jorgensson; Larry Stepenuck; Kevin Carrigan Chris Murch

**Also Present:** Rockport Harbormasters Rosemary Lesch and Scott Story

**Absent:** Phillip Crotty; Fred Steven Fritch; Fred Hillier

Upon the arrival of Mr. Kerrigan the meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. as there was a quorum of the Harbor Advisory Committee. Matters were taken out of order.

**1. Approval of Past Minutes:**

**MOTION: On a motion by Dana Jorgensson, seconded by Chris Murch, the Harbor Advisory Committee voted 5 in favor, 0 opposed, 3 absent, to accept the Harbor Advisory Committee minutes of January 13, 2015 as amended.**

**4. Update on Harbor Projects by Rockport Harbormasters:**

**Mr. Montello** commented that the new harbor breakwater is done and that the job was well done. It was noted that there was to be a larger day marker installed at the end of the harbor but has yet to be installed. He said that comments from around town have been very positive.

The Harbormasters reported that all the moorings removed for the breakwater project are back in. There is a delay for the work on Old Harbor. **Harbormaster Lesch** said that moving the rocks from the mouth of Old Harbor will get underway and responding to an inquiry by a Committee member said that the dredging of Old Harbor is a long way down the road.

As to the Army Corps of Engineers (ACE) project for the expansion of Granite Pier, **Mr. Montello** said that Philip Crotty, member, has information on it but was not present to report. **Mr. Stepenuck** asked why Mr. Crotty had been acting as the liaison for the Committee and the Town on this project, as he didn't recall that defined within the Committee meeting parameters, and further that moving forward that emails between Mr. Crotty and the ACE be shared with the Committee for their information prior to meetings in order to be kept up to date. **Mr. Montello** said he didn't know but that Mr. Crotty has been the point person with the ACE but nothing has changed to date. **Mr. Stepenuck** encouraged that all information be shared with the Committee in order that it is an open and transparent process.

Pursuant to that project, the Harbormasters are talking with Sen. Bruce Tarr about obtaining \$20,000 from the state for the current feasibility study to be expanded.

**2. Hiring of Lynn Murphy as Recording Secretary at an hourly rate of \$10.00 for the purpose of attending, drafting minutes and other related administrative secretarial administrative duties effective July 1, 2015.**

**Mr. Montello** noted that Ms. Murphy is the Recording Secretary for the Community Preservation Committee and the Board of the Public Works. She also is an employee of the National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration. He asked that the Committee hire Ms. Murphy as its Recording Secretary.

**MOTION: On a motion by Dana Jorgensson, seconded by Chris Murch, the Harbor Advisory Committee voted 5 in favor, 0 opposed, 3 absent, to hire Lynn Murphy as the Harbor Advisory Committee Recording Secretary for the purpose of attending meetings, drafting minutes and other related administrative secretarial duties effective July 1, 2015.**

**5. Nomination and Election of New Chair of the Harbor Advisory Committee:**

After a brief discussion, it was determined that at the July meeting of the Committee that nominations for Chair would be entertained and that the Committee would vote at its August meeting for a new Chair. **Mr. Montello** encouraged members to step forward to take his place as Chair.

**3. New Business/Old Business:**

There was a brief review of the Pigeon Cove clean up and the DPW's involvement by the Committee. **Mr. Montello** said he would send a memo to the DPW and see what they can do about the trap storage area.

**Mr. Stepenuck** reviewed for the Committee a Pigeon Cove Co-Op meeting recently where concerns were raised about the hours for delivery and removal of traps. There is no regulation or by-law in place that regulates this matter beyond what exists that everybody can pass at any hour for trap delivery.

There was a discussion of a lobsterman having trouble obtaining an application to submit to the Town for review by the HAC for trap storage with the sense that there is still some confusion at Town Hall about the process and that applications need to be available there on a regular basis. It is the HAC's responsibility to review the trap storage application requests but it has no say as to who is approved or not. It was noted that the application is available on the Town's website, and **Mr. Murch** had a blank copy. The applications are to be provided by the HAC to Town Hall which is stated on it. **Mr. Murch** and **Mr. Stepenuck** said they would take care of the matter. **Mr. Murch** reviewed briefly with the Committee the waiting list protocol which indicated that the HAC maintains the list then it goes to the Town Clerk. **Mr. Montello** said he would check to see if the list is updated in the HAC records.

**Mr. Montello** said he spoke to Mr. Nichols about trap storage at Granite Pier which was pointed out is Town property. Information about to the Town's taking of Granite Pier will be submitted to the HAC for its records by Mr. Stepenuck.

At the request of the Harbormasters, and with the agreement of the Committee, the July 22 meeting of the HAC will start at 7:00 p.m.

**A motion was made, seconded and voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 6:35 p.m.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Dana C. Jorgensson**  
**Substitute Recording Secretary**

**DOCUMENTS/ITEMS SUBMITTED AT MEETING: None.**